

## William Kelly Rupp

Without question, the threat to our shellfish industry from burrowing shrimp is now critical. Imidacloprid applications have been proven to be effective in containing the shrimps' spread without long-term adverse impact either to habitat or water quality. I'm a property owner on Willapa Bay without business interests in shellfish, and a strong advocate for conservation and habitat preservation; I would not support the permit approval if I believed for an instant that Imidacloprid would compromise our Willapa Bay ecosystem. I urge Ecology to approve this permit application at its earliest convenience. Thank you.